

## REMARKS

The Office found that the instant application contains inventions or groups of inventions which under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 requires restriction of the claims to a single invention since the inventions or groups of inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The Office found that the instant application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention, and that these species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The Office identified the species as follows:

- A. The type of measurement from among those instantly claimed, i.e., polyamine content, aldehyde compound content, polyamine oxidase activity, protein content of polyamine oxidase, see, e.g., claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6.

The Office found that the species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the inventions do not share a common special technical feature, as the method of claims 1 and 4 has been taught by Ivnova (2002), who teaches measuring aldehyde: 3-aminopropanal levels in cerebrospinal fluid sample from patients (page 5580, right column, 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph), thus, the species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The Office advised that the reply to the Restriction requirement to be complete must include an election of an invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed.

In response, Applicants herein elect without traverse aldehyde compound content as species. The elected species correspond to claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants herein submit amended claims 1 and 4, and cancel claims 2, 5, 7, and 8 without prejudice and reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent application(s) directed to the non-elected inventions and/or species. Applicants submit that the pending claims are directed to a single invention. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the instant restriction requirement.

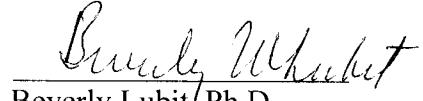
Applicants earnestly solicit early and favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at 973-360-7934. The undersigned also may be contacted via email at [lubitb@gtlaw.com](mailto:lubitb@gtlaw.com).

#### **AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 501561.

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